

Business Data from July to December 2025

Between July 1 and December 31st, Annapolis added 10 new businesses and experienced 20 businesses relocating or expanding, and 4 changes in ownership, according to the readily available permitting data in Energov:

	New	Relocating	Full Time	Part Time
July	2	7	57	0
August	0	1	4	0
September	5	9	43	206
October	2	7	26	16
November	1	1	18	9
December	1	2	46	0
Total	7	19	194	231

There were 194 full-time employees added or affected by these new and expanding businesses. According to the available data, it may seem that 231 part time employees were added or affected in September, however a change in ownership for a large, local employer skews the data. The actual number of part time employees added during that month was 6.

For the month of December, an expansion of a local employer added 40 employees, making it the second largest single growth of employment for the year. The first was in February and consisted of 73 new full-time employees.

Below are two tables that incorporate all available data regarding issued Use and Occupancy (U&O) logged in Energov. Included fields are the number of new businesses, relocating or expanding businesses, the amount of permitted square feet, average square feet per permitted business, new full time and new part time employees. A separate pie chart breaks them down by business type.

- Please note that the fields “New FT Emps” and “New PT Emps” only include those values that correspond to businesses that were new, not relocating or expanding.

Issued Use and Occupancy Permits, by Year

	New Business	Reloc Business	Square Feet	AvSqFt	New FT Emps	New PT Emps
2025	16	27	93,061	2,164	46	18
2024	26	33	212,642	3,604	155	47
2023	19	27	121,639	2,644	44	19
Total by Year	61	87	427,342	2,887	245	84

Issued Use and Occupancy Permits, by Ward

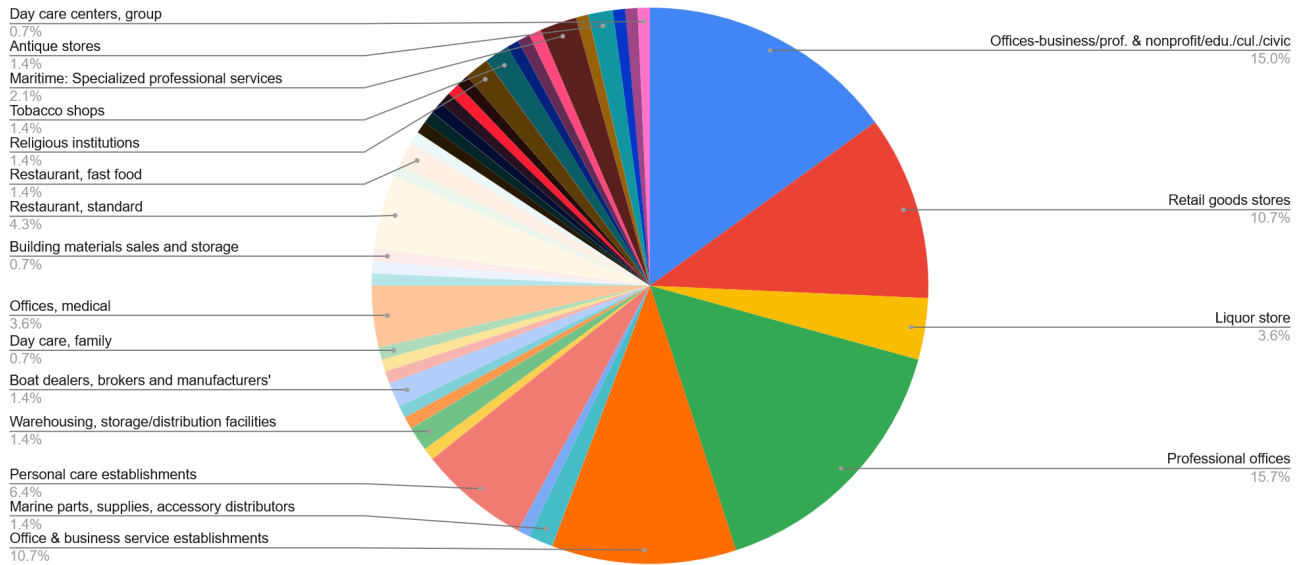
	New Business	Reloc Business	Square Feet	AvSqFt	New FT Emps	New PT Emps
Ward 1	26	26	164,009	3,154	74	30
Ward 2	9	8	53,472	3,145	28	14
Ward 3	12	14	116,710	4,489	110	29
Ward 4	2	1	8,153	2,718	5	5
Ward 5	2	3	17,943	3,589	5	4
Ward 6	0	1	1,200	1,200	0	0
Ward 7	4	2	8,909	1,485	2	3
Ward 8	6	32	56,946	1,499	21	1
Total by Ward	61	87	427,342	2,887	245	86

Some initial findings worth exploring in more detail:

- The only business to obtain U&O in Ward 6 in the past three years is the Y in Central Maryland Headstart for Eastport Terrace/Harbor House, which includes 6 employees. These were not attributed to new employee count, as it was identified as a “New location for an existing business”, which could mean either relocating or expanding.
- Ward 8 has seen a number of expansions and relocations, more so than any other ward.
- While Ward 1 has the largest total in commercially permitted square footage, Ward 3 leads with the highest per capita by business (relocation and new business).

Issued Use and Occupancy Permits, by Business Type

Types of New Businesses (Feb 2023 - Oct 2025)



Collectively, “Maritime: specialized professional services”, “Boat dealers, brokers and manufacturers”, “Marine parts, supplies, accessory distributors” 4.9% of issued U&O permits since Energov has been adopted in 2023. The largest contingent of U&O permits were issued to commercial office (i.e. not medical) users, at 41.4%